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What Baptists Believe About God

BY REV. DAN MORTON

To state what Baptists believe about God is to find what the Bible says of him; but any attempt to set it forth here must be only in barest outline.

Within man, there is an intuitive knowledge of God; it does not say what God is, but only that he is. In this sense, there is no real atheist. Stafford well says that when a man denies the existence of God, he starts spelling nature with a capital "N". But the purpose of the Bible is to tell what God is; to reveal his nature and character. This it does through the process of progressive revelation, culminating in the appearance of Christ, the perfect revelation of the Father. This revelation becomes real and experimental to us when it is apprehended by faith.

Concerning the nature of God, the Bible reveals him to be a person, a spirit, triune, self-existent, immutable, eternal, infinite, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. To say that he is a person is to negate many heathen ideas. He is not a "thing" or a "principle", not identical with the universe, nor pantheistic. He is a Being of intelligence, will, and moral choice. Jesus said that he is Spirit. There is no contradiction between the two; in fact, personality implies spirituality. Personality is not the body, but that which animates the body. Man as a person, is confined to a body; God is not. As spirit, he can be omnipresent—with a soldier in Korea, a missionary in Africa, and at the same time with a church in America.

As to his characteristics, probably the two most outstanding are his Holiness and his Love. As one studies the life of Christ, he will find them to be regnant in him; and what he finds in

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REV. DAN MORTON

FRANCE NOW HAS 800,000 PROTESTANTS

PARIS (RNS) — About 800,000 of France's 42,740,000 people are Protestants according to a new book described by critics as "the most authoritative modern work on French Protestantism." It is "The French Protestant" by E. G. Leonard of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes (College of Higher Studies).

M. Leonard notes, however, that nearly 60 per cent of the estimated 800,000 Protestants are "seasonal" churchgoers who "attend Christmas, Easter, wedding, baptismal and funeral services but almost never have recourse to their church at other times."

The author states that in the 17th to 19th centuries there were less than 600,000 Protestants in France.

Largest Protestant groups in the country, according to the book, are the Reformed Church with 35,000 members, the Lutheran

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Proposed 1955 Allocation Provides Mission Advance

By PORTER ROUTH

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The \$350,000 increase in the total operating budget to be proposed to the Southern Baptist Convention for 1955 will make possible larger Advance gains for the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board in that year if receipts continue at the rate shown over the past few years.

Foreign Mission Board receipts through the Cooperative Program in 1953 amounted to \$4,098,520. If the normal rate of increase continues, the Foreign Mission Board will receive an estimated \$4,435,000 in 1954, and \$4,750,000 in 1955 under the proposed budget.

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The Home Mission Board received \$1,472,640 in 1953, through the Cooperative Program. If the normal rate of increase continues, the Home Mission Board will receive about \$1,500,000 in 1954, and an estimated \$1,575,000 in 1955.

If the normal rate of increase continues, and none of the state conventions cut their percentage of gifts to convention wide causes next year, then the Advance funds in 1955 should amount to about \$1,275,000 for the Foreign Mission Board, and \$425,000 for the Home Mission Board. Both of these amounts would be record figures.

Dr. Parrish Thrills Florida Convention

Space does not permit using all but below is given a part of the president's address which Florida Baptists heard and enjoyed.

The speaker was a former Laurel, Mississippi, pastor, Dr. James W. Parrish, now pastor of Riverside Church, Miami.

We restrict our vigorous activities to religion. How many of our Baptists do you see called up for investigation by any committees of any kind? These groups that allow themselves to be wagged by liberal committees for social action are letting themselves in for severe criticism. Let them ascribe to us illiteracy or ostrich-with-head-in-the-sand, or anything else, but we are doing our work in the realm whereunto we have been called.

A fervent devotion to our Christ will not only prevent our people becoming victims of Communism but will also deter an equally grave calamity, namely that of bringing Christianity down to the level of Communism as a mere social, political, and economic ideology. This is being done every day. Christianity is not even a social ethic, it is a dynamic in an individual's life growing out of his being rightly related to the Divine Being. Many a group trying to get your name on its letterhead, or get you in some way

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Committee To Study Western Mission Work

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The need of Western missions is greater now than it has ever been, according to six Southern Baptist leaders who have made a study of the areas where the convention is doing pioneer mission work. They found the need so urgent that they recommended that the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention appoint a group of seven to see what can be done. Their recommendation was adopted.

Included in their report were four observations as follows:

First, there are twenty-four states known as western and pioneer states in our nation with a total population of 64,000,000. 62 per cent of whom, or approximately forty million people are unchurched. These people are in the main Caucasian in blood and American citizens, and therefore constitute a great missionary challenge and a gigantic potential in world evangelization when won to our Lord and our churches. Also in these twenty-four states there are Southern Baptist churches seeking fellowship and service through our respective state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. It is conservatively estimated that there are hundreds of thousands of Southern Baptist laymen and their families who have moved into these states and that most of them will be lost to the Baptist cause unless we follow them immediately with an aggressive missionary program.

Second, we would call your attention to an apparent providence of God for our day. It is the fact that over against some 20,000 settled pastors in our churches, we have approximately 9,000 young preachers in our Southern Baptist schools and our five seminaries, many of whom are already looking to the Western and pioneer states as the fields of their life ministry. This fact is both revealing and interesting in the light of the serious shortage of candidate ministers of other major evangelical denominations. Many of them have seminaries and facilities with exceedingly small student bodies. We have seminaries and exceedingly large student bodies without the means for adequate facilities.

Third, We would record here our profound gratitude to God for His blessings upon the western and pioneer state conventions in their work. Illinois was recognized in 1910; New Mexico in 1912; Arizona in 1928; California in 1942; Kansas in 1948; and Oregon-Washington in 1949. While all of these conventions had meager beginnings, it is significant that since they were recognized, they have

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WCTU Announces Sermon Contest

EVANSTON, Ill. (RNS) — Cash prizes totaling \$2,700 will be awarded this year by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to ministers giving the best sermons on total abstinence.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, president, said the contest is one of a series of projects planned by the W.C.T.U. to commemorate the 80th anniversary of its founding at Cleveland, O., in 1874.

Churches will be grouped in two divisions for the sermon contest, she said, with those having congregations of more than 200 in one division and those with less in another.

To be eligible, the sermons must be delivered before next Oct. 31, at a Sunday morning service.

Mrs. Hays said that, under the slogan, "Eighty More in Fifty-Four," state W.C.T.U.s will undertake to organize 80 more new local units and youth organizations while each local will seek to enroll 80 more members.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday To Be Observed February 7

To Fellow-Believers in every land: Grace and Peace!

How significant that the annual Baptist World Alliance Sunday each February has become such a recognized date in our Baptist church calendar. Once again it calls us to remember our Fellow-Baptists everywhere, and to dedicate ourselves anew to promoting the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation within our world-wide brotherhood.

OUR MESSAGE

We earnestly hope that Sunday the 7th of February will be set apart for that high purpose in churches and unions all over the world; that we shall all join in thanksgiving and prayer, and also in the proclamation of the Gospel, interpreting the New Testament in utter faithfulness, as Baptists have always attempted to do.

OUR FELLOWSHIP

We should, with sincere hearts, thank God for that Baptist fellowship which already exists. But let us also unite in prayer for a closer and more comprehensive fellowship.

OUR FREEDOM

We also have great reason to unite in giving thanks for religious liberty in many lands, and for the

fact that this liberty is increasing in some places. But we know that we shall always be compelled to fight in order to defend and retain this freedom. Still harder is the fight to gain it where it has hitherto been denied to our fellow-believers.

OUR CHURCHES

We should unite in thanks and praise to God for the work in the thousands of individual churches and youth organizations in our Baptist World Alliance. We should not forget that the very nucleus of all our world-wide missions is the local church. In the church are the problems to be solved, that will solve the problems of our universal enterprises.

Let us make Baptist World Alliance Sunday a day for reconsidering the real position of the local church, its responsibility and its resources in all respects. We can never build a strong international Baptist fellowship and an effective co-operative world organization without a general strengthening of every local church as a link in the whole chain.

OUR SCHOOLS

Let us also thank God for the work done in all our schools and

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Missionaries Meet Scheduled Feb. 15



Rev. LEWIS W. MARTIN

Rev. Lewis W. Martin, secretary Department of Schools of Missions, Home Mission Board, will be one of the speakers to appear on the program of the annual Association of Missionaries Institute to be held at Mississippi College Feb. 15-18.

Rev. R. B. Patterson, Northeast area Missionary and Association president, will preside over the institute, to begin Monday afternoon and adjourn at noon Thursday.

An outstanding program has been planned, with several leading Mississippi workers on program.

Other out-of-state speakers will include Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of Cooperative Missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Rowland Crowder of the Architecture Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Every phase of the work of an associational missionary will be discussed during the institute.

—BR—

France Now Has

... (Continued from Page One) ... of Alsace - Lorraine (Augsburg Confession) with 240,411, the Reformed Church of Alsace - Lorraine with 48,960, and the Paris and Montbeliard Lutheran Churches with 40,000.

The Baptist churches have 20,000 members. Independent Reformed Evangelical Church 18,614. Central Evangelical Society 18,000. Pentecostal churches 20,000. Mennonite churches 10,000. Darbyites (Plymouth Brethren) 10,000. Seventh - Day Adventist churches 2,500. Free Evangelical Church, 2,190. Methodist churches 643 and the Salvation Army and "other popular missions" a total of about 18,500.

Although Protestants represent only a small percentage of the population, M. Leonard said, they are "a strong spiritual and moral force in France today."

—BR—

Blue Mountain, Miss., January 25.—Frank E. Skilton, Director of Public Relations, Blue Mountain College, addressed the Brotherhood of the First Church, Memphis, Sunday evening, on the subject, "Christian Education Differentiated from Secular Education."

Committee To tStudy

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organized 1,088 churches and received into their churches 244,226 new members. Another significant fact is that they contributed through the Nashville office during the past twelve months the sum of \$484,412 while at the same time receiving approximately \$249,000 for aid in their work from the Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board. This does not include the Home Mission Board's program of direct missions in these states.

Fourth, This is no ordinary day or hour in our national and world life. These are extraordinary men and methods. No "business as usual" tempo will get the job

done that is confronting us in the west-east-north or south today.

The eyes of the world are upon Southern Baptists. This is our day. We are at the bat! We must not strike out when so many millions in our nation are depending upon us for the Gospel message. They need a sympathetic ear to their appeal for the assistance and encouragement we can give. But despite our unprecedented progress and need for advance in these states, we have reached almost a stalemate. Our two great sustaining agencies through the past years of progress in these conventions, the Sunday School board, and the Home Mission Board, have indicated their inability due to limitations of funds to add any

appreciable amount for advance in our several state conventions.

We have the deepest sense of gratitude to our Sunday School Board and the Home Mission personnel. We would have been helpless in the past without them.

We desperately need their help today. They are our lifeline. But we realize that they have problems and limitations just as we have.

Therefore in the light of these facts and others just as forceful and challenging, we humbly petition this body to name a committee of seven which would include if possible a representative of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Sunday School Board, and the Home Mission Board to study this

critical and opportune situation confronting us in the western and pioneer states and seek to suggest loans to meet these strategic and emergency needs in our conventions in this critical hour of our national life and world need.

The committee consisted of S. G. Posey, California, Noel Taylor, Illinois, N. J. Westmoreland, Kansas, Henry Stagg, New Mexico, Willis J. Ray, Arizona, and R. E. Milan, Oregon-Washington.

—BR—

Mississippians will profit by reading an article, "Unified in the Faith," by Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor of First Church, Meridian. It appears in the February issue of the "Sunday School Builder."

"Thank You Southern Baptists"

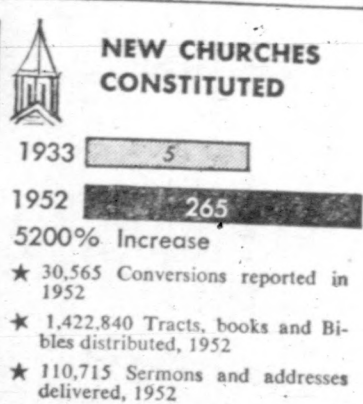
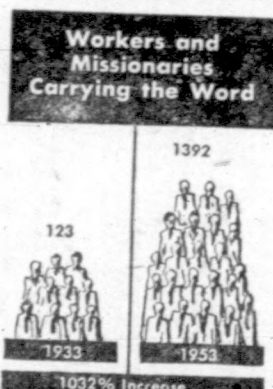
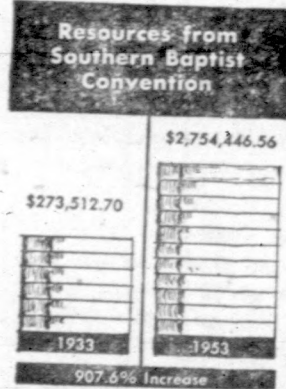
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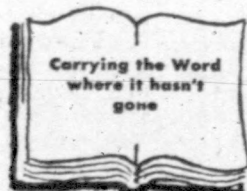
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Many wonderful things have been done, yet today in our homeland, millions of lost and needy souls rise up to testify against us. It is a fateful hour of challenge and opportunity. NOW is the time for intensified and expanded effort; for a positive, uncompromising, Christ-filled program! Delay and too little will be too late. Would you neglect earth's most important business?



Additional information about the work of your BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD may be secured from Office of Promotion

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Important Notice

Due to the growth in circulation, it now takes longer to print the Baptist Record than when we had to print only a few thousand.

The printers are asking that copy be sent sooner.

Heretofore we have been able to handle all the copy that reached us Monday morning and much that came Tuesday morning.

Beginning now articles that could be prepared sooner and reaching the Baptist Record office Monday and Tuesday will be held until the next issue.

However, anything that could not be prepared sooner and which needs to be published that week will be handled on Monday and Tuesday.

The moral of the above is: Don't wait until the last minute (or day).

And remember that news is something that happened recently. Last fall's happenings is not news, but history.

SEND IT NOW!

—BR—

The Power Of Aroused Conscience, Effort

Early in December the Associated Press carried the following story concerning sale of liquor on military property.

"An order putting all military officers' clubs and messes on government property out of the bottled liquor business was issued by the defense department yesterday.

"Deputy Defense Secretary Roger Kyes signed a directive which will end a privilege exercised by the navy for many years and by the army and air force since December 1."

A story giving fuller details appears on another page.

Playing a major role in the achievement of this goal was Dr. Duke K. McCall, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and President of the National Temperance League.

On November 24, Dr. McCall and Mr. Clayton M. Wallace, National Temperance League Executive, urged President Dwight D. Eisenhower to have Attorney General Herbert Brownell check on the legality of the Pentagon's liquor regulations, in view of the Anti-Canteen Act of 1901—still on the books—which specifically prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages on U. S. military premises. They also called on the President to ban liquor at government office parties at Christmas time.

On December 17 the Defense Department modified regulations sanctioning bars, cocktail lounges and package liquor stores on military posts by outlawing liquor

stores. At the same time, practically every federal agency in Washington ruled out alcoholic beverages for the first time in many years at the traditional holiday office parties.

Here is the simple truth. The temperance leaders of America became vocal against these vices and the government retreated. However, we must not feel too good. Not only did we protest, but the retail liquor dealers protested vigorously.

As Dr. Albert McClelland writes:

"It calls for two things:

"(1) Letters of approval from every Baptist in America to Mr. Kyes, to President Eisenhower, and to Mr. Charles E. Wilson, secretary of defense.

"(2) Determination of all Baptists to be more vocal against the organized evil of our land.

"When we make up our minds to do it, we can silence liquor and beer advertisers on radio and TV and we can give our news stands a much needed bath.

"If the Baptist conscience will assert itself there will be a new holy day in America's moral life."

—BR—

World Alliance Day Rolls Around Again

February 7 has been designated as Baptist World Alliance Day and this year its observance should mean much to Baptists. The officers of the Baptist World Alliance have written a very timely letter of greetings to all Baptists throughout the world. It will be found on another page.

They point to the unity prevailing among Baptists and the challenge that our opportunities pre-

sent.

This is a plea to all our churches to observe World Alliance Sunday.

There are many ways to observe it. We can pray for it, we can talk about it, and we can take an offering for the carrying on of the work of the Alliance.

—BR—

Young Folk Capable

Editor John J. Hurt of *Christian Index*, Georgia's Baptist paper, says in a recent editorial that it is no credit to our Baptist churches that gray or bald heads are almost a requisite for positions of leadership and more particularly for a seat with the deacons.

According to Editor Hurt, too much good manpower and brainpower is being lost in the average Baptist church by failure to use younger men. If we doubt this, he suggests that we check the age limit in our churches for places of leadership, or check how many are below the age of 40 and if any are below the age of 30.

He also says that the failure of the churches is also the failure of the denomination. Southern Baptists have a half dozen or more young people who can fill city auditoriums for youth revivals, yet they don't get an invitation to a convention program except for Youth Night when their elders have gone home. He, and we agree with him, cannot recall ever seeing one of their names on a State Convention program.

He also emphasized the fact that business does not scorn these younger people. It picks a man on the basis of his ability. Men of outstanding ability need demonstrate for only a few years be-

fore they win positions of responsibility.

Continuing, Editor Hurt says:

Are the younger men too daring? Not necessarily. They have more of the daring but leadership in most of the churches we know could use all they have—and then some, to get the proper balance. You can't charge them with lack of ability in that general age group for which we plead. If you do, you'll have to empty several of our larger pulpits and call back scores of our missionaries.

Our plea doesn't end with that for young men in places of leadership. It moves on to an appeal for places of service for those just old enough to vote; and some who are not old enough.

Give them, lots of them, places on the hospitality committee, on the usher's committee and in other places where they can help. They want a place to work in the church and not have it limited to the Sunday School, the Training Union and other organizations where there is a division on age levels.

No. This isn't Youth Week in the denomination from which we could find our springboard for this editorial. And, the man at the typewriter no longer is classified as the "young editor."

But, honestly, can't we agree that there is an unnecessary premium in our Baptist life on gray hair, or no hair at all? Wouldn't we do well to capture the talents of these young men in their late Twenties and in their Thirties? They have more ability and more leadership than we like to admit.

Our Readers Write

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you for several reasons. One is to express my appreciation for the helpful information and inspiration which I have gained from the Baptist Record over a number of years. I can say with sincerity that I am a better Baptist because I am an informed Baptist.

Another reason is to say how glad I was when you sponsored the "Why I Like My Pastor" contest and gave us an opportunity to express our love and appreciation for our pastors.

A READER.

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Dr. Parrish Thrills

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connected with it, is pacifistic to its center. Pacifism has had the world thrust into the jaws of Mars for nearly 21 years now. When the preachers of pacifism helped to tell the thinking of the world, in 1933, making such a nation as America to scrap her Navy and lessen her standing army, then the fireworks began—the Manchurian Incident and Benito Mussolini sneaking off down into Ethiopia to wreck Haile Sallassie.

If one has to be in today's vernacular either a pacifist or a war-monger, then put me down as a war-monger. Do you remember the incident of Peter and the sword? Christ did not tell him to throw it away. He told him to put it away into its place. The place for a man's sword is by his side to protect him and his. A large defense force further obligates the church, for Jesus went on to say in that same passage that he who has the habit of taking the sword as his way of life, as the means of getting what he wants, shall by the same sword perish.

With a large armed service our duty is to the souls of men to so temper them that they will never attack or wage offensive warfare. The sign in a certain church read, "Watch your hat and coat, not everyone here has been born again." Until I am convinced that everyone has, I am going to watch my hat and coat. We have a new criterion for successful churches in Miami. We don't count noses, and awards, any more. Your bigness is determined by the number of times that you have been burglarized.

The manifest tokens of our tradition are on the inside of our churches. We are Biblical, evangelistic and missionary, and we do not need to placard this on the front of our churches for the world to know it. We do not need to stick the word Bible in front of the name of any of our churches. If it is a Baptist church it is a Bible church.

To prove this, just watch what

that truth-hungry soul does when he sees that he can no longer take the liberalism doled out to him. He slips quietly into a Baptist church. Neither do we have to put the name Missionary in the title to a Baptist church. When I see that name on the front of a church I always remark to myself, "Yes, that sign is about the most missionary thing about that church."

What I want to say is that, as best we can we are carrying out the whole program of Jesus. When I see some of our people running off after these study groups, campaigns, crusades, etc., my heart bleeds for them. I try to save them if I can, but if they get completely taken in by one of them then I try to discourage them coming back around the church at all. They only spread their confusion.

The "non" emphasizes the "non" and usually leaves poor souls with "non". The "inter" stresses the "inter" and teaches how to cause internal dissension and internal combustion. One hasn't dared to come up with the correct descriptive title. I would like to suggest "infernal." Christ didn't come to found a radio program. He came to found His church, the mother of all benevolences. The reason I sympathize with these people is that they turn their backs upon an agency equipped to carry out the full commission of Jesus. Have you ever seen a Friday Afternoon Study Club Hospital or a Youth for-Orphanage? I confess to you that I never have.

My brethren, there are also dangers from within. I mention two of these. (1) Some of our pastors need to give their churches back to the people. (2) We need to drop the word "great" from our vocabulary. We have used it until it grates on the nerves of all. We are a peculiar people. We who are called Baptists, but by no stretch of the imagination can we say that we are great people.

Betty S. Aultman Accepts Temple Church Post

BETTY S. AULTMAN

Miss Betty S. Aultman, Route 4, Hattiesburg, has accepted the position as Church Secretary of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Miss Aultman is a graduate of Mississippi College.

A brother, Rev. Howard H. Aultman, is pastor of the Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Dr. Irving M. Prince is pastor of the church.

What Baptists Believe

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Christ, he finds in God. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Both the Old and the New Testament emphasize his holiness. To Moses he said, "I the Lord your God, am holy." Isaiah visualized his holiness; and Jesus addressed him as "Holy Father." This denotes his separation, his purity, and his infinite moral worth. Many of the other doctrines of the Bible are predicated upon this one. For instance if God were not holy, sin would not be sinful, and man would not need a Saviour. But neither could God be God. Likewise, his righteousness is grounded in his holiness. He is righteous in his judgment and righteous in his blessing. He is truthful because he is the Truth—the ground and source of it. Again, he is good—infinity so. Jesus said, "There is none good, but God."

But the characteristic we like most to emphasize is his Love. He is Love. That is not to deny that he is a God of wrath. All his dealings with us are actuated by love—even his punishments; "for whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth." Even in wrath, he remembers mercy. And mercy characterized the dealings of Christ with those who would hear, no matter how deep their sin.

Much remains to be said, but most of our Theology is grounded upon the facts herein stated.

—BR—

Chapter headings in WE CAN WIN OTHERS by Theron Chastain include "How the Early Christians Won Others," "The Biblical Basis for Evangelism," "The Evangelistic Church," "Plan for Action," "Methods That Win," "Personal Growth and Development." This program of evangelism for present-day churches may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or from The Judson Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

— MUSIC DEPARTMENT —

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN

The District Music Festivals for 1954 will begin on April 12th and close May 7th. The exact dates and places of these festivals will be listed in this column next week.

The District Festival is open to all churches. Any church may enter at least one group from each age group. This will make it possible for a church to enter from 1 to 6 groups. It is hoped that many of the churches will enter instrumental ensembles this year. Each church may enter 2 hymn players, one Junior and one intermediate.

If you do not receive the materials regarding the district festivals, write the Music Office, Box 530, Jackson, and materials will be forwarded immediately.

PERRY ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

Rev. W. M. Averett, Associational Music Director for Perry Association, reports the first hymn sing of the association to be successful.

The program was held on Sunday afternoon, January 17th in the Kennedy Memorial church. The house was packed with people. Twelve of the 17 churches had representatives present. Rev. Howard Gay is pastor of Kennedy Memorial Church.

Plenty of good singing, using the Broadman Hymnal was enjoyed by all, and this program sponsored

ed by the association, by the churches and for the churches has the full approval of the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

GULF COAST HOLDS ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

Under the leadership of the associational music director, Mr. Jimmie Jones, of Gulfport, the first associational hymn sing in the Gulf Coast Association was held on January 17th in the First Church, Gulfport. According to this report, there were more than 400 people present for this first hymn sing.

The music association was organized last fall under the leadership of the state secretary, co-operating with the pastors and music directors of the Gulf Coast Association. The music program is on the march.

CALLING ALL ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC DIRECTORS

The annual Associational Music Directors Planning Meeting will be held in the First Church, Jackson, Monday, February 22, 10 to 4 p. m. Travel expenses for associational music directors will be paid. A luncheon will be prepared for the group. All associational directors and associational missionaries please put this date on your schedule and plan to be here. The entire program for 1954 will be discussed and materials will be given out for all the promotions. Remember the date, Feb. 22.

Town And Country School Meet At Emory July 6-21

Dates for the Tenth Annual Town and Country School at Emory University, Georgia, have just been announced and applications are being received.

This interdenominational school offering 4-hours of graduate credit will be held July 6-21, 1954. Those interested in attending should write G. Ross Freeman, Administrative Director, Box 309, Emory University, Georgia.

A limited number of tuition and sustentation scholarships are available.

One hundred and thirty-three rural church leaders from sixteen states and Canada attended the school in 1953. They represented fifteen denominations.

A similar school for Negro ministers will be held during the same period at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. For information write Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President.

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REV. SAM SCANTLAN TO BE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SPEAKER



REV. SAM SCANTLAN

Rev. Sam Scantlan, secretary of Rural and City Missions, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, will be the principal out-of-state speaker during the series of Leadership Conferences scheduled for next week, Feb. 1-5.

The first meeting will be Monday at First Church, Vicksburg, with the second scheduled for First Church, Natchez on Tuesday.

Thursday's meeting will be held at Wesson and Friday's conference will be at Mendenhall.

Directing next week's conferences again will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Each day's schedule will begin at 9:30 with morning, afternoon and evening sessions scheduled.

The morning and afternoon meetings are primarily for the leadership conferences while the night sessions are devoted to the Brotherhood Rallies.

Every pastor, church worker, leader and officer in South-Central Mississippi is urged to attend the conference most convenient to him.

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Evangelistic Conference Sets Jan. 17-19 For 1955 Meet

The State Evangelistic Conference adjourned at noon Wednesday of last week after hearing an inspirational message by Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, Texas on "Enroll a Million and Win a Multitude".

Final figures on baptisms for the state were released at 1,280, several more than previously announced. The principal emphasis during the conference has been the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism, which is also the Mississippi Baptist Program.

This program includes denominational, statewide, associational and local church organization, visitation, prayer, thorough census taking and intensified follow-up, with particular emphasis on simultaneous associational efforts.

Those present heard that there were now 750,000 lost and unchurched people in the state.

Plans were made for Mississippi churches to participate in the 1955 nation-wide Crusade of Southern Baptist churches and Missions. The dates for the Crusade will be North of Highway 80, March 27-April 10; South of Highway 80, March 6-20.

Jan. 17-19 was set as the date for next year's conference and the First Baptist Church of Jackson selected as the meeting place.

Actual registration figures totaled 595 while more than 1000 were counted at present in some of the sessions.

The conference is held annually and is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

Directing the conference was Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, of Jackson, state Baptist director of evangelism.

Dodge Named Christian Education Winner

CHICAGO (RNS)—Cleveland E. Dodge, New York financier and civic leader, has been named 1954 winner of the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation in recognition of "50 years of denominational and interdenominational church service and leadership."

The award is given annually by the National Council of Churches for outstanding achievement in the field of Christian education. The winner is selected by the vote of an "electoral college," of 1,400 churchmen.

The Rev. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the National Council's Division of Christian Education, said that the citation will be presented to Mr. Dodge at the Division's annual meeting in Cincinnati, O., on Feb. 9.

The award was instituted in 1944 by the International Council of Christian Education, predecessor of the National Council Division.

Mr. Dodge, a Presbyterian, is vice-president of the Phelps Dodge Corporation and director of half a dozen major banks and industries.

He was president for seven years of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, chairman for three years of the (N.Y.) Interdenominational Committee for Released Time, and a charter member of the Metropolitan (N.Y.) Federation of Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

In addition Mr. Dodge was for 30 years a director of the National Council of Religion in Higher Education, and for 36 years a member of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A.

—BR—

Miss Louise Cartledge, Educational Secretary at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, left this week for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex., where she will attend the school of Religious Education to work on her Master's degree.

Thirty Radio Stations Add "The Baptist Hour"

Thirty radio stations have been added to those now broadcasting The Baptist Hour, bringing the total number of stations carrying the weekly religious program to 390, it was announced this week by the Rev. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission which produces The Baptist Hour.

The newly acquired Baptist Hour stations are located in 12 states and Alaska. One of them is WSLI of Jackson. Prior to this they carried the Good News Hour.

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SIX STATES MAINTAIN CHAIRS OF BIBLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Six Southern Baptist state conventions maintain twenty-eight Chairs of Bible on non-Baptist college campuses, according to a recent survey made by the Baptist Press.

The survey revealed that the schools have a total budget of \$112,916; 1,457 students enrolled; 63 courses taught in Bible; 31 teachers; 22 courses taught in religious education; and 6 in Greek.

Texas maintains 17 Chairs of Bible, 6 of them full-time. They have enrolled 731 students this year.

Missouri maintains six; New Mexico, three; Illinois, two; and Oregon-Washington and Alabama one each.

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Futheyville Chapel Organized At Grenada

Futheyville Baptist Chapel has been organized by the Emmanuel Church, Grenada. Rev. Harry Kellogg is the pastor at Emmanuel. A revival was held January 4-9 during which Mr. Kellogg preached. There were five professions of faith and seven additions by letter.

A dedication service was held on Sunday afternoon, January 10, for \$1.50.

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BROTHERHOOD FILMSTRIP

The first Brotherhood filmstrip, entitled MEN ON THE MARCH, will be available in the Baptist Book Stores January 15. The strip comes with a printed manual which gives suggestions for its use, and a script to accompany the presentation. It is 35 frames, black and white, and sells for \$3.00.

The picture above is a reproduction of an actual frame in the filmstrip which carries the caption "The Brotherhood Promotes Wider and Deeper Study of the Total Southern Baptist Program."

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES AND BROTHERHOOD RALLIES CONTINUE

February 1, First, Vicksburg; February 2, Natchez, First; February 4, Wesson; February 5, Mendenhall; February 8, Laurel, First; February 9, Magnolia; February 11, Moss Point, First; February 12, Poplarville, First.

JACKSON, HIGHLAND ORGANIZES MISSION

White Rock Baptist Mission was organized on Sunday afternoon January 17, by the Missions Committee of Highland Baptist Church, Jackson.

A survey of the area was made and upon an invitation from some of the residents of the community, a group of members from the Highland Church met with members of the White Rock Road Community and organized a Sunday School.

The Mission will meet for Sunday School at 2:00 p. m., and preaching services at 3:00, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ames, Route 2, Jackson. All residents in this area are invited to attend the services each Sunday afternoon.

Rev. George Lassett, pastor of Highland Church, will serve the White Rock Mission as temporary pastor.

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HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER—MARCH 1-5

Preparation for this observance should include the use of the lovely color filmstrips that have been prepared by the Home Mission Board and can be purchased through the Baptist Book Store (\$5.00 each). They are about 20 minutes in length.

1. Freedom's Holy Light (this particularly deals with the 1954 Week of Prayer Offering)
2. House for God (shows the need for new churches)
3. Baptists in New Orleans (a dramatic presentation of our work in New Orleans)
4. Faith of French Americans (good to use in teaching "In Evangeline's Country")
5. East Meets West (food to use in teaching "The World in Her Hands")
6. Trail of Triumph (portrays the progress made by the American Indians)

CORRECTIONS:

In the list of State Mission Week of Prayer gifts the following should have been included:

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Y. W. A. HOUSEPARTY — MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE FEBRUARY 12-14, 1954

The SOUTHERN REGIONAL Y. W. A. HOUSEPARTY is to be held at Mississippi Woman's College on February 12-14, 1954. This Houseparty is especially for girls and Counselors in the southern part of the state (Districts 1, 6, 7, 8), but if space holds out, others may attend.

This mission-filled week-end will begin the activities of Y. W. A. FOCUS WEEK, and will be a means of inspiring the girls to greater MISSIONARY endeavor throughout the year. Such experiences as worship, missionary messages, group singing, special conferences, a banquet, group discussions, and an over-all spirit of Christian fun and fellowship make the week-end inviting for Y. W. A.'s and prospective members alike.

Program personalities include the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mississippi Missionaries to Africa; Nationals from numerous countries; Miss Almarine Brown, President of Mississippi W. M. U.; Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary, W. M. U.; Miss Nell Taylor, Young People's Secretary, W. M. U.; Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Rouse, and countless other helpers from Mississippi Woman's College; Y. W. A. Council officers; District W. M. U. leaders and others.

Miss Pat Pinson, State Y. W. A. Council President, Mississippi Woman's College, will preside over the Houseparty. A major item of business will be the election of officers for the Southern Regional Y. W. A. Council.

For those who arrive on Friday afternoon and stay through Sunday lunch, the cost will be \$5.50; of course the price decreases if the full time cannot be attended. For further information, watch this page in The Record or write: Nell Taylor, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Dallas, Tex. (BP)—R. S. Jones, associate secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex., was elected acting-treasurer of the Board at the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee Jan. 20. He succeeds Orville Groner who died Jan. 4.

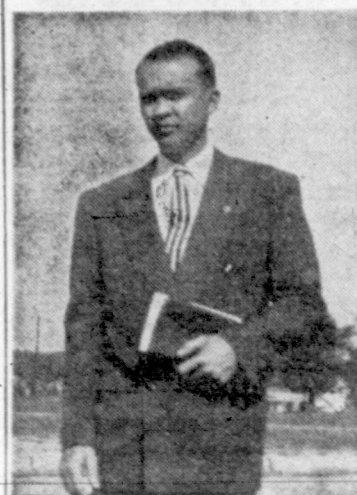
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This is the third person to surrender to the call to preach during the three-year history of the church.

Mr. Usry is now the acting pastor of the newly organized mission of Emmanuel Church which is known as Futeyville Baptist Chapel.

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Brantley To Head Seminary Center

Baptists will begin a Seminary Extension Center February 16 in the Forest Church. Classes will be held each Tuesday evening, 7-10 o'clock. The following leaders were selected:

Rev. J. F. Brantley, Forest, Director and Dean.

Mrs. Peggy Mapp, Forest, Registrar and Treasurer.

Beginning Monday, February 1, 1954, the school will register students for Old Testament, New Testament, Religious Education and Sermon Preparation. The following will serve as teachers: Rev. John W. Cook, Decatur; Rev. L. A. Curtis, Hickory; Rev. Troy Price, Carthage and Rev. Carl Duck, Morton.

A registration fee of \$1 enrolls a pupil in the school. Another enrollment fee of \$8 will be paid at the beginning of the school plus the cost of the text book. Cost of the school will be determined by the number of courses a pupil enrolls in.

Anyone desiring further information may call or write to Rev. Brantley or Mrs. Mapp.

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NEW ORLEANS, La. —(BP)—

Seventy-three new students enrolled for the spring semester at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, bringing the total enrollment to 807. Thirty-nine of the students enrolled in the School of Theology, thirty in religious education, and four in music. Previous high enrollment at the seminary was in 1951-52 when the number went to 731.

Christian Preparatory Institute Started At First Church, Biloxi

The First Church, Biloxi, Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor, has announced a newly developed long-range program for the development of Sunday School workers in particular and all Christian workers generally.

Known as the Christian Preparatory Institute, it is a local church program with full cooperation, with the Baptist Sunday School Board in the matter of awards, requirements and books taught.

The church has issued a well-prepared Bulletin which sets forth the program in general and states the purpose as "dedicated to the ideal of providing to the Christians of this community a systematic training program which should enrich the lives of those who care to participate."

Classes are taught Wednesday morning, afternoon and evening and Thursday evening.

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During a Christmas dance at E. Central Jr., 42 students attended a fellowship period at Decatur Church.

Average attendances at MSCW for Dec. were 94, Sunday School; 53, Training Union; 65, Y. W. A.; 60, Noonday; 12, Twilight; 10, Master's Minority. One hundred were present for recent party with Miss. State.

Nineteen BSUs from Delta State, including the male quartet which furnished special music, attended Bolivar Ass'n "M" night recently. Delta State BSU gave \$12.65 to help a needy family during Christmas.

More than 100 students and faculty attended Sunflower Jr. BSU's "Western Round-up" party recently. Report is that Youth-led Revival last month "filled a need and reached many students who would not have been reached otherwise." Team was Gaye Holcomb, Lenno Powell, Bradley Pope and Dan Holcomb, of Miss. College.

To work in Senatobia Church and with the students at Northeast Jr. has recently come Miss Stella Broadus, former BSUer at Clarke. Dr. Clyde Martin is Senatobia pastor.

And coming to the pastorate of Wesson Church is Bro. George Nichols; Mrs. Nichols is now part-time BSU Sec'y for Co-Lin Jr. We

heartily welcome all these newcomers.

December marks the end of an era in B. S. U. work at Mississippi Southern. Although the Baptist Student Union Secretary is completing his tenure of services as of January 31, 1954 with the installing of a new council and Religious Emphasis Week, December marks the completion of six wonderful years of B. S. U. work at M. S. C. Six years ago the B. S. U. Church centered program was begun. In these six years a definite attempt has been made on the part of the B. S. U. Director to present a church-centered B. S. U. program. Councils have come and gone and with each succeeding student generation the quality has seemingly improved. The budget has grown, church attendance has increased, and a healthy balance has been maintained between all the churches with the student relationships at M. S. C. Miss Jeannie Rayborn is to be commended for the work she has done to fill out the year as B. S. U. President. The B. S. U. Executive Council has performed wonderfully as a working unit during the Fall quarter. January will see the planning for the year completed and a new era begun.

—Riley Munday.

Dan Patch Elected To Temperance Post



REV. C. E. PATCH

Rev. C. E. (Dan) Patch, of Baldwin, has been elected Associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education, as a result of a meeting of the Board of Directors, Jan. 18.

The Rev. Mr. Patch, to serve on a half-time basis, brings a wealth of experience into the work.

He has had 26 years experience in the pastorate. During World War II he spent four and one half years with the American Red Cross, serving as State Relation Officer in Louisiana and Mississippi.

He has been a leader in the Rural Christian Fellowship of the state and was selected as rural minister of the year in 1951-52. In 1952 he served as First Vice-President of the Mississippi State Baptist Convention.

In 1953 he received a scholarship to the Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Yale University. He is a alumnus of King College and the School of Religion, Vanderbilt University.

The services of the Council are available to all citizens of the state whose work or interest is related to any phase of the alcohol problem. Special emphasis is placed on training church leaders to develop adequate programs of education throughout the local communities.

The council receives this year an allocation of \$2500 from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to assist in its program.

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Ohio Baptists Organize State Convention With Forty Churches

HAMILTON, O. —(BP) Over four hundred messengers, representing forty Baptist churches and eleven Baptist missions from over the state of Ohio met in Hamilton at the West Side Baptist Church, January 2, 1954, and organized the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Officers elected were: John Kurtz, pastor Westwood Baptist Church, Dayton, moderator; Orden Rice, pastor, Blue Ash Baptist Church, Blue Ash, first vice-moderator; E. A. Petroff, pastor West Side Baptist Church, Hamilton, second vice-moderator; Bunyan Wallace, pastor, Miamisburg Baptist Church, Miamisburg, recording secretary; Omar Roberts, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Dayton, assistant recording secretary; and Gerald K. Ford, pastor, Main St. Baptist Church, Wadsworth, historical secretary.

Ray Roberts, Dayton, under whose leadership as pioneer missionary for the White Water Association of Baptist has grown from

nineteen churches to the present number in a year and a half is slated to be elected by the Executive Board of the state convention, to the position of executive secretary and superintendent of missions and evangelism. George Fletcher, Dayton, O., will be employed by the Executive Board as secretary of religious education.

Headquarters for the organization were established in the Ludlow Building, Dayton. The Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., established a book store in the building last year.

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Dr. R. B. Gunter, Corresponding Secretary of the Convention Board, furnishes under his department a tabulation of the receipts from the churches by associations for the year 1928. The receipts are listed in two columns, budget and specials. Total for the Budget, \$220,724.00; Specials, \$76,004.00; Grand Total, \$296,728.00.

J. L. Boyd removes from the Magee pastorate to serve the Pickens church for half time and Camden and Black Jack churches for quarter each while he is engaged in the writing of a History of the Baptists in Mississippi.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from Pleasant Hill Church in Clarke County. Rev. W. W. Hayes is the pastor.

Men Of Distinction

(Editor's Note: Given below is another candidate for the title of "man of distinction." We feel that our readers should be well-informed. Therefore, we also give some "men of distinction." We doubt if the liquor crowd is very proud of this one.)

The following information is taken from the "Clarion Ledger" of January 8.

Mrs. Harvey Foster, 33-year-old mother of two children, fought for her life in Methodist Hospital today, a victim of the most brutal beatings in Hattiesburg police history.

In Forrest County jail is Allen Donaldson, a 28-year-old Negro who police said signed a "full confession" after his arrest. Donaldson said that he had been "drinking moonshine for about five days. 'I got drunk and then I came downtown and went in this furniture store and the only person there was a lady.'"

Whiskey is no respecter of persons. It makes all kinds—high or low, whether good or bad, "man of distinction." The only trouble is that the distinction sometimes leads to trouble.

—BR—

Mrs. D. P. Appleby, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, has a new address in Belo Horizonte. It is: Rua Taquari 68, Belo Horizonte, Minas Geraes, Brazil. Mrs. Appleby is a native of Oxford, Miss.

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PROMOTING THE 1954 SWORD DRILL

In promoting the Sword Drill it is well to remember that the leader should know the Sword Drill procedure thoroughly before attempting to conduct the drill. After having familiarized himself with this procedure he should explain the *Sword Drill*, its purpose and meaning to all members of the union. Detailed suggestions will be found in The Intermediate Leadership Manual by Pearson, pages 123-126, or the *Sword Drill* tract which may be had upon request from your state Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Every member of the union should be encouraged to take part in at least one Sword Drill every month. Whenever it is possible to do so, it is advantageous to have a definite time within the month to be used for this purpose.

Those who are to participate should own their Bibles, or the church should furnish Bibles for them. The *Sword Drill Bible*, which is used for state and South-wide drills, is Bible B-100 (Authorized Version, stiff cover).

Let it be remembered always that in conducting a Sword Drill we handle the Word of God and are reading from the Word of God. For this reason much emphasis should be placed on orderliness and reverence during the drill.

In no instance should the leader allow himself to choose anyone for special training to be entered as an associational, state, or south-wide participant preceding the time for the elimination drills to be conducted. Whenever this is done it defeats the purpose of Sword Drill activities and does not provide for the larger group the training which is so necessary for personal development.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZES TRAINING UNION

Mrs. Reginald Caldwell is the Training Union Director of a newly organized Training Union at Union Baptist Church in Kemper

Association according to Rev. W. M. Etheridge, the pastor.

This new Training Union was organized last November following a study course. It has an enrolment of 41 with one union in each department.

A DAILY BIBLE READER

Mrs. Dewey Hancock of Pheba, Mississippi has made a notable accomplishment in that she has completed four consecutive years of daily Bible reading without missing a day. She is being sent a seal which will be placed on a certificate in recognition of this achievement.

STANDARD UNIONS OCT.-DEC. 1953

ALTA WOOD CHURCH, Jackson, Hinds County. "Power" Adult Union, B. R. Halliday, president. "Loyalty" Intermediate Union,

Mrs. T. A. Bratcher, Jr., leader. CALVARY CHURCH, Tupelo, Lee Association. Beginner Department, Mrs. Altha Tackett, Department leader. Primary Department, Mrs. W. L. Day, department leader.

CLINTON CHURCH, Clinton, Hinds Association. Nursery department (three year olds) Mrs. J. F. Gordon, department leader. Beginner department, Mrs. J. B. Bogie, department leader.

EAST McCOMB CHURCH, Pike County. Nursery department, Mrs. Carrie Hayman, department leader; primary department, Mrs. J. Dunaway, department leader; "Busy Bees" Junior Union, Grace Allen, leader; "Shepherds" Junior Union, Mrs. Shelton Cotton, leader; Junior department, Mrs. D. E. DeCoux, department director; "Fellowship No. 1" adult union, Julius White, president; "Fellowship No. 2" adult union, J. M. Dunn, president; Adult department No. 2, Mrs. E. K. Sauls, department director.

East McComb Baptist Training Union Was Standard For The Quarter—

Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, Hinds Association. "Doers for Christ" Junior Union, Miss Sammie Campbell, leader. "Jolly Juniors" Junior Union, Mrs. Y. W. Atkinson, leader. Junior department, Miss Elyse Martin, department director.

PARKWAY CHURCH, Jackson, Hinds Association. "Conquerors" 16 year old Intermediate Union, Mrs. Jesse Griffin, leader. "Challengers" 16 years old Intermediate Union, Miss Evelyn Irvin, leader. Intermediate Department No. 1, Wilburn Irvin, department director. "Conquerors" Young People's Union Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Strickland, counselors. "Steward Adult Union; Mrs. S. E. Ferrell, president. "Friendship" Adult Union, Wheeler Cathey, president.

TUTWILER CHURCH, Tallahatchie Association. "Bee Hive" Junior Union, Mrs. J. H. Everett,

Jackson First Church Seminar For Preachers Set For Feb. 22-27

Interest is mounting daily in the seminar for preachers which will be held at the First Church in Jackson Feb. 22-27.

Sponsored by the First Church itself, Pastor Douglas Hudgins and the church are inviting all Baptist preachers in the state to attend and take advantage of the one-week refresher course to be offered.

An outstanding faculty of three Southern Baptist leaders has been secured and courses will be offered in church history, counseling, exegesis and homiletics.

Those to teach are Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Seminary; Dr. Wayne Oates, associate professor of psychology of religion; Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville; and Dr. Arlyle Marney, pastor, First Church, Austin, Texas.

Each one is a recognized authority in his field.

It has been estimated that the intensified full-week course to be offered will be equivalent to a six-week course at any seminary.

No seminary credit will be offered however.

The regular seminars will be conducted each morning and afternoon with special addresses scheduled for the evening.

The host church is providing all expenses of conducting the seminar. Those attending will only be required to care for their traveling expenses and room and board while in Jackson.

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RICHMOND, Va. —(BP)— The Baptist Missionary Education Council, an agency for the production and utilization of missionary materials, in session here approved publication of a book on Communism. The book will be written by Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Southern Baptist Named Oriental School Director

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS) — Dr. William H. Morton of Louisville has been named director of the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem for the school year 1954-55.

Dr. Morton is professor of Biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. He is the first man south of the Mason-Dixon line to become the school's director.

Eighty-five universities, seminaries, and colleges in the United States support the work of the Jerusalem school. A different director is selected early every year.

The American School, founded in 1900, is responsible for many significant discoveries of Biblical manuscripts and pieces of workmanship from old civilizations.

Dr. Morton was a research fellow at the school in 1950-51. Last spring he took 14 seminary students on a six-week tour in Biblical archaeology which included visits to Europe and the Mediterranean countries.



DR. SYDNOR L. STEALEY

Hear The Baptist Hour

Dr. Ramsey Pollard will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour on Sunday, January 31. His message will be heard in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p.m.; WDCB, Canton, 5 p.m.; WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p.m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 6 p.m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p.m.; WJPR, Greenville, 6 p.m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p.m.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 a.m.; WMB Macon, 2:30 p.m.; WAPF, McComb, 9:00 a.m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p.m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a.m.; WRJW, Piquette, 1 p.m.; and WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:30 p.m.

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LONDON (RNS) — Bishop Joseph E. Rudderham of Clifton refused permission to Father Agnellus Andrew, O. F. M., Britain's leading Roman Catholic radio priest, to participate in an interdenominational Christian Unity meeting in Bristol.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 1—Religious Focus Week at Mississippi College; Brotherhood Rallies; Leadership Conference, Vicksburg, First Church.

February 2—Rev. O. B. Anderson, Gulf Coast Associational Organizer of Evangelism; Leadership Conference, Natchez, First Church.

February 3—Kermit King, Secretary, Training Union Department, Baptist Building; Marianne Colvert, Blue Mountain BSU President.

February 4—Miss Bernice Hensler, Mississippi College faculty; Leadership Conference, Wesson.

February 5—Rev. J. H. Street, Trustee, Clarke College; Harley Dunn, Attala Associational Brotherhood President; T. L. Sandifer, Sr., Sharkey-Issaquena Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Leadership Conference, Mendenhall.

February 6—Mrs. Reid Moore, Hinds Associational W. M. U. Superintendent; V. J. Runnels, Gulf Coast Associational Training Union Director.

February 7—BSU Baptist World Alliance Sunday; Miss Dorothy Weaver, Seminary Extension Department, Baptist Building.

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MISS HELEN YOUNG

Miss Helen Young, superintendent of Beginner work, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct these conferences at our THREE Sunday School Conventions, in Cleveland, Yazoo City, and Natchez, March 9-11.

This fine lady has done a splendid service in helping Beginner workers all over the South to advance greatly in the work for our Beginner children.

We urge these leaders from over the state to plan now to attend one of these Conventions and get the good help coming from these practical conferences. Do not let this opportunity pass unused. Plan now to go.

WE HARDLY BELIEVED IT

No, Sir, Brother, it was hard for us to believe it. But, facts are facts. And also figures are figures.

When we checked the associations that had reported Sunday School training awards for the three months of October, November, and December, we were surprised, and happily so, to find that 65 of the 74 associations in the state had reported awards.

That is the best by far that we have ever had for the first quarter of a year. We should reach every association earlier this year than usual.

The nine associations that had not reported awards for the first three months are: Clarke, Grenada, Itawamba, Kemper, Madison, Perry, Pontotoc, Tate and Zion. Come on in, fellows, and let us get that 100 percent in January.

GOOD SIGNS OF GROWTH

There are causes and effects. Do some things and others naturally occur.

That is very true in building bigger and better Sunday schools. Promote certain items and sure results will come. Here are some good evidences of progress that have come to our attention recently.

Moss Point First:

"Our Sunday school accepted a 45 per cent increase goal in 'A Million More in '54' and reached half of it by December 15. We feel fairly confident of being able to attain the other half by May."

says pastor W. L. Stagg, Jr.

Note: Their goal was a 45 per cent increase. That is excellent, indeed.

New Hope In Lawrence:

"New Hope voted in its Workers' Conference to embark upon a program of training. We want to follow a program that will enable our teachers to improve the work and gain their diplomas and seals."

That is a statement by the pastor, Rev. Robert E. Jones.

Certainly training is at the very foundation of good Sunday School work. It is a necessity, and not something that is optional.

Sunflower Association:

Associational superintendent, Rev. Charles A. Ray, reports a very excellent meeting with encouraging reports from most of the churches, and a desire to reach their share of the goal for "A MILLION More in '54."

Greenwood, First:

The Sunday school enrolment of the First Church, Greenwood, has more than doubled in the last eight years, says Charlie Sampson, superintendent.

Mendenhall:

The enrolment of the Mendenhall school increased from 416 on October 1 to 469 on November 1, an increase of 53 in only one month, reports pastor N. F. Davis, Jr.

Thanks for all these fine reports. Let us have your good points also.

Let's encourage one another by good works.

MORE STANDARDS

These units have become Standard recently:

Schools:

Zion (Pontotoc County), Rev. George Q. Edens, pastor, Mike Rackley, superintendent; Parkway, Jackson, Dr. Norman Price, pastor, J. L. Easom, superintendent; Columbus First, Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor, Syd Thweatt, superintendent.

Departments:

Extension, Brookhaven, First, Mrs. Walter Leggett, Superintendent, and these visitors of Standard Groups—Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. F. C. Clark, Mrs. M. L. Tyson, Clara Bourn, Mrs. S. B. Cain, Mrs. H. M. Burns, T. H. Ramsey, M. R. Carpenter, Bessie Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Abrell and Mrs. C. T. Travis.

Adult Department No. III, Parkway, Jackson, George R. Munton, Supt.

Classes:

Winsome, Adult, Morton, Mrs. W. C. Neal, teacher; Victory, Adult, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. Howard Jay, teacher; Builders, Adult, Parkway, Jackson, O. L. Phillips, teacher; Fidelis, Adult, Water Valley, Mrs. S. L. Perkins, teacher; TEL, Adult, Bay Springs, Mrs. Cecil W. Jones, teacher.

We are indeed grateful to these leaders for their fine work in keeping their units up to this high rating of efficiency. Why not send in your application for this rating? Blanks will be sent on request.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Tangipahoa

While Pastor A. J. Chandler was away helping to organize the Sunny Hill Church, we had the privilege of supplying for him on a recent Sunday.

The work continues and so does the esteem of Pastor and Mrs. Chandler in the heart of the people.

Record readers in Pike County are now listed as follows:

BALA CHITTO, 23; BLUFF SPRINGS, 32; BOGUE CHITTO, 44; CALVARY, 57; CENTRAL, 132; EAST MCCOMB, 221; FERNWOOD, 54; FRIENDSHIP, 115; GREENWOOD, 23; HOLMESVILLE, 33; JOHNSTON STATION 26; MCCOMB, FIRST, 396; MCCOMB SOUTHSIDE, 146; MCCOMB, LOCUST STREET, 54; MAGNOLIA, 90; Navilla, 1; OSYKA, 89; PROGRESS, 50; SILVER CREEK, 60; SILVER SPRINGS, 87; SUMMIT, 114; TANGIPAHOA, 87; TERRY'S CREEK, 69; THOMPSON, 27; UNION, 42; PRICE ST., 30; NORTH MCCOMB, 28; SUNNY HILL, 34.

Wheeler Grove Is Number 1081

We doubt if there are any pastors in the state who do not want the Baptist Record as a part of their church program, but if there should be one, he is hereby advised not to try the Free Trial Plan. In most cases where this plan is tried it results in an EVERY FAMILY Plan after the Record.

The latest church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY list for the Baptist Free Trial Plan was Wheeler Grove Church in Alcorn County. Rev. W. C. Gann is the pastor.

Record readers in Alcorn county are now listed as follows:

Antioch, 1; Corinth, First, 12; CORINTH, TATE STREET, 176; County Line, 5; GLENDALE, 20; HINKLE CREEK, 35; Holly, 2; Kemps Chapel, 1; KOSSUTH, 31; Lovejoy, 1; RIENZI, 43; TISHOMINGO CHAPEL, 45; Tusculumbia, 3; WEST CORINTH, 122; WHEELER GROVE, 77; Union, 7; EAST CORINTH, 47.

Liberty

Due to the fact that Pastor Roy Collum, Jr., is away due to the death of his father-in-law, we supplied on a recent Sunday at Liberty. Since our last visit there, the educational building has been completed. This greatly enlarges facilities and has resulted in increased attendance.

Liberty is one of the few churches that seem to have almost as many at the evening service as they do at the morning service

Baptist World Alliance

(Continued from Page One)

educational institutions, for the splendid recruiting of students for the Baptist ministry and the mission fields. In some countries, however, there is a lack of educated preachers and church leaders, and there is not a sufficient number of students for the ministry.

OUR SINS

Above all, let us unitedly confess our selfishness and shortcomings, our lukewarmness and indolence as Christian messengers, things that so often prevail in our every-day life. Our greatest hindrances are in our own hearts.

OUR HOPE

Let us lift our heads in confidence and courage. Ours is not a losing cause. We are marching forward. We are looking up and ahead to that day when the eternal purposes of God shall assuredly reach their consummation, and all the realms and kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

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Youth Secretary.

—BR—

A recent correspondent wrote, "Here comes the latest news." Following was an item that happened five and one-half months before. If that was the latest news, will someone please tell us how to describe recent news.

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For \$2.95 anyone may order from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan's Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan a copy of 1024 Best Illustrations by Alexander MacLaren. "The illustrations, which have been gathered together in this volume are characterized by freshness and refined and delicate beauty, and are rich in devotional not less than in practical lessons," says Mr. James H. Martyn who selected and compiled these outstanding illustrations from Dr. MacLaren's famous sermons. The alphabetical index arranged according to subjects will be helpful.

At the morning service the auditorium was well filled.

Record readers in Amite county are now listed as follows: CALVARY, 37; BETHEL, 44; BERWICK, 26; CROSBY, 56; East Fork, 3; EBENEZER, 20; GALLILEE, 101; GILLSBURG, 101; GLADING, 24; LIBERTY, 179; MARS HILL, 92; MT. OLIVE, 53; MT. PLEASANT, 35; MT. VERNON, 49; NEW ZION, 24; ROBINSON, 28; ZION HILL, 41.

Wilson Goes To Liberty



REV. PAUL WILSON

Pictured above is Rev. Paul Wilson who recently has accepted the pastorate of the Liberty Church in the Winston Association and has moved on the field. Mr. Wilson is originally from Rosedale, and comes to Liberty from the Bethel Church also of the Winston Association.

The church has gone from half-time to full-time and now has its first pastor to ever live on the field. Also the church has begun to build a modern eight-room parsonage.

The spirit of the church can be seen in all the church organizations. The Sunday School reached an all-time high for a regular service on January 17, with 114 present. The Training Union, W.M.S. G.A.'s, R.A.'s and Sunbeams are all growing in number and in spirit.

The church also has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record and a large group receive the "Home Life Magazine."

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the 1953 minutes of the Marion County Association. It was held with Clear Creek Church on October 15, and plans to meet in April with the Kokomo Church and in the fall with North Columbia Church. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
For January 31

DOING THE WORKS OF GOD

Bible Text John 4:43-5:47.

Introduction. Again our committee has drowned us in a flood of rich material from the word of God. I shall confine my notes to the account of the healing of the nobleman's son, as that incident affected the nobleman's faith.

I. A FELT-NEED

No one seeks Christ except he feels a need of power beyond his strength of will. The helplessness of men drives them to seek help from above and beyond themselves.

II. SEARCH FOR A SOURCE OF SUCCOR

How many thousands of men and women have cried out of the depths of a dire distress from which they saw no means of escape, "O God, what shall I do?" This exclamation may be wrung from the lips of one who in other circumstances would not "waste time in calling upon God, or even thinking upon him."

Just careless and indifferent so long as troubled skies do not lower, Godless and prideful in their fancied self-sufficiency until disaster strike and shatters the house of their hopes and rips to shreds the fabric of their confidences. Then in the hour of their calamity they cry to God in perplexity and confused bewilderment. All too often the cry is not of humble supplication as of one trusting in the goodness of God to help and the power of the Almighty to perform it, but simply as an articulation of baffled effort.

In the case of the nobleman of Capernaum, however, we have a different character. He had most certainly heard of the remarkable Teacher, had indubitably seen and perhaps met Him, and had come to regard Him as a man of extraordinary power to aid the distressed and sorrowful. There was a faith to believe that there was a chance for help for his son, if the Teacher could be prevailed upon to come to the house where the son lay sick and perform a miracle of healing. But he had not risen to the lofty conception of a faith which leaned upon the divine unseen. Rather his faith was still of the lower sort that was based upon the externals of the physical and asked for the satisfaction of the physical.

"Except ye see" (physical) signs and wonder, ye will in no wise believe." This word of our Lord was a challenge to the weak faith of this earnest pleader, and he met the challenge.

III. PERSISTENTLY APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

His faith is not too robust as yet but a sort of growing conviction that help, available from no other quarter must be found in this Man. "There must be help for my son and for me, and it must be in this Man." "Sir, come down ere my child die." Have it your way. You propose a test; very well, I will meet it. What

ever you see wrong in my way, correct it, and I will stand the gaff, only grant through his healing my son to live."

IV. GROWTH OF FAITH BY OPPOSING DIFFICULTIES. A STRENGTHENING OF FAITH IN ENCOUNTERING AND OVERCOMING OBSTACLES.

It is not infrequently that our courage rises with danger and our faith is strengthened by the forces of doubt that buffet it. And this is true in every department of life. Once a real man has entered upon what he considers a worthy course of action, every obstacle which he encounters in the way of its accomplishment but stirs his heart to a sterner determination.

But lately I met after long years a couple of people whom I had known many years ago and, of course, we grew reminiscent. The conversation turned upon the case of a young couple who attempted to be married over the opposition of the father of the bride-to-be. The marriage had been prevented, and the fair daughter had been awarded to another wooer. The wife of the old couple whom I met after so long a flight of time said, "Once I asked this woman after she had been married to the other man for some years whether she cherished any tender feeling for her former lover after their marriage was frustrated by her father, and she said, 'No! The man who proposed to make me his wife, but did not have the courage to take me over the opposition of my father, was not worthy of me.'"

For men of worth will not be denied of their deep desires by obstacles cast by opposing circumstances. And the nobleman from Capernaum proved himself a nobleman indeed when he did not slink away crestfallen from the Master, but countered the verbal buffet with the ardent prayer. "Sir, come down ere my child die."

V. PROCEEDING UPON A COMMAND WHICH WAS ALSO A PROMISE.

"Go thy way; thy son liveth." Here was a command, "Go home" and a declaration which was also a promise, "Thy son liveth." It was not of so great importance to the nobleman that he had teased Jesus into granting the request (In fact I do not think he did so at all, nor that Jesus expected or desired or tolerated that), but the experience was needed by the nobleman to make him fit to appreciate the blessing in its true worth. He believed Jesus, that He was able to do what He said, and that He wielded the authority of command over those who reaped the bounties of His mercy.

VI. CHECKING THE RESULTS OF HIS FAITH

The nobleman turned the head of his horse from the village of Cana down the road that led to his seaside home. What were his feelings as he went? I do not exactly know, of course, but my belief is strong that his faith grew more robust with every mile he covered in the direction of his home.

It is ever thus with those who set themselves to obey the Master. After some hours of time and

REA SPEAKER



Albert McClellan
Director of Publicity, Executive Committee,
Southern Baptist Convention

Dr. Albert McClellan, of Nashville, Director of Publications, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, will be one of principal speakers when the State Religious Education Association meets at the White House in Biloxi Feb. 15-17.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calcote, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan announce the birth of Mary Sue on January 12 in Tokyo. Their address is 537 Tomino Suwanodai, Kokura, Japan. Mr. Calcote is a native of Wesson, Miss.

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Little Rock, Ark. (BP)—Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is in critical condition at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

some miles of distance covered, he met certain of his servants who assured him that his recently sick son was now well. "When did the boy begin to get better?" "He did not BEGIN to get better, he just got well, all at once. The fever left him as suddenly as though someone had called it off." The faith that had begun in weakness now stood erect in splendid strength. He had believed and his belief had been amply vindicated.

VII. ASSURANCE AUGMENTED, OR ENLARGED AND CONQUERING FAITH.

The nobleman went home to a household made happy by the restoration to full health of the son so recently so dangerously sick. How many people made up the nobleman's family? How shall we know that? It is reasonable to suppose that the mother of the son was living, the nobleman himself and the son. Other children there likely were and servants of the household many or few.

The point of interest in the end of the story is that all the household believed upon Jesus. No doubt there were those among them who had never seen Jesus, and these as well as the nobleman himself believed, and their belief sprang from their having been part and parcel of the household one of whose members had been healed of a devastating fever, and whose master had been brought into the brightness of a great light out of the darkness of an abysmal anxiety.

YOUNGBLOOD LEAVES 15TH AVE., MERIDIAN



H. B. YOUNGBLOOD

H. B. Youngblood, Minister of Education for the past two years at 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, resigned to accept the same position with the College Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Under Mr. Youngblood's leadership, the church has experienced growth in every department. Rev. Jack Southerland, the pastor, expresses keen regret for himself and for the church, in the going of the Youngbloods.

—BR—

During the holiday season Emmanuel Church in Grenada presented Pastor and Mr. Harry Kellogg with two pieces of Samsonite luggage. It was understood that this was not a suggestion that they leave Grenada but an expression of love and appreciation from the people. They also presented the pastor with a briefcase.

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Paul Truitt (Rankin)	168	118
Grenada, First	624	159
Clarksdale	388	63
Hattiesburg, Main St.	906	348
Laurel, First	611	177
Laurel, Second Ave.	426	119
Jackson, Van Winkle	480	274
Flowood	114	105
Jackson, Calvary	1578	491
Main Church	1511	432
Mission	67	59
Jackson, North Side	524	104
Jackson, Parkway	1138	325
Jackson, Highland	165	118
Main Church	139	
Mission	26	
Richland (Rankin)	133	80
Sardis (Copiah)	76	49
Jackson, Broadmoor	368	152
Jackson, South Side	341	155
Jackson, Crestwood	627	441
Jackson, First	1490	589
Jackson, Ridgecrest	223	102
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	652	305
Springfield (Scott)	115	72
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	419	100
Picayune, First	616	195
Springfield (Adams)	75	47
Clinton	452	238
Longview (Oktibbeha)	87	47
Midway (Lauderdale)	136	61
Meridian, Oakland Hgts.	271	83
Laurel, Highland	201	103
Newton, First	576	284
Holly Bluff	84	62
New Albany	653	177
Mission	27	
Biloxi, First	584	197
Meridian, 41st Ave.	380	106
Friendship (Lincoln)	133	102
Fair River (Lincoln)	112	70
Harmony	84	52
Brooklyn	115	75
Gulfport, Calvary	107	55
Vicksburg, First	567	198
Laurel, Wildwood	166	73
Bethlehem (Jones)	201	159
Gulfport, First	940	332
Greenwood, Calvary	454	217
Brookhaven, First	831	322
Main Church	703	246
Southway Chapel	86	51
Halbert Heights	42	25
Sand Hill (Jnes)	67	48
Purvis, First	213	87
Crowder	149	97
Yazoo City, First	497	152
Concord (Choctaw)	90	91
Kosciusko, First	726	279
Canton, Center Terrace	303	142
Raymond	162	71
Aberdeen, First	420	118
Grenada, First	624	159
Columbus, East End	225	92
Columbus, First	878	301
Lucedale	338	183
Grenada, Emmanuel	271	127
Main Church	242	98
Futheyville Chapel	29	29
Hebron (Grenada)	87	47
Calhoun City, First	352	121
Hazlehurst	112	338
Laurel, West	398	161
Shiloh (Marion)	75	68
Bay St. Louis, First	140	53
McComb, Locust St.	91	55
Itta Bena, First	202	97
Pelahatchie	192	92
Main School	172	
Mission	20	
Oral (Lamar)	80	62
Laurel, Harmony	159	81
Darling	72	44
Stonewall	162	112
Lula	105	61
Tupelo, Harrisburg	561	226
Gaston (Prentiss)	110	52
Beach	253	89

Sparks & Splinters

Our readers should clip the series of doctrinal articles now appearing in the Baptist Record. By doing so you will accumulate the equivalent of an excellent book on Biblical doctrines.

Rev. James E. Pugh has resigned as pastor of Shady Grove and Walthall Church in Webster County and has accepted Longview and Morgan Chapel Churches in Oktibbeha County. He will serve each church half-time. He succeeds Rev. C. E. Snowden who recently resigned at Longview in order to accept the pastorate at Artesia.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. Ray Walters, Pearis; Mrs. M. H. Yeates, Jackson; Mrs. A. M. Stevens, Jackson; Rev. B. J. Broome, Pace; Rev. Peter Culom, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Roy R. Brigance, Gloster; O. V. Rushing, Jackson; Connie Joe Hontzas, Jackson; Mrs. John Hontzas, Jackson; Herbert Everett, Tutwiler; Katherine Dan, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. Wade Allen, Clinton; J. H. Jones, Morton; Mrs. Earl Chandler, Kosciusko; Earl Chandler, Kosciusko.

Main Church	224
29th St. Mission	29
West Point, First	589
West Point, Calvary	225
Chester (Choctaw)	72
Friendship (Jackson)	87
Houston, First	308
Nola	55
Calvary (Amite)	43
New Prospect (Lincoln)	144
Pascagoula, First	813
Main Church	645
Jackson Ave. Chapel	88
McArthur Chapel	54
Orange Grove Chapel	26
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	137
Wayside (Yalobusha)	37
Hickory Flat	173
Oxford, North	113
Brownsville, Beulah	64
Wysat Springs, First	718
Wysatville	204
Charleston, First	394
Columbus, Southside	154
Main Church	141
Mission	15
Petal-Harvey	368
Union hanel	91
Corinth, Tate St.	293
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	113
Gulfport, Trinity	170
Amity (Chickasaw)	47
Meridian, Poplar	
Springs Drive	353
McComb, East	516
Yazoo City, Calvary	223
Spanish Fort	68
Meridian, South Side	400
McComb, Friendship	170
Philadelphia, First	393
Morton	200
Main Church	281
Mission	19

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Holly Bluff	73
Kosciusko, First	685
Brownsville, Beulah	67
Moorhead	147
Friendship (Jackson)	80
Bethlehem (Jones)	193

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP) —Rogers' Retreat, an ultra-modern campaign building now under construction at Camp Ridgecrest for boys, will be ready for the first session of camp, June 7-July 12.

The building located on the shores of Lake Ridgecrest, will consist of a campers' lounge, prayer room, kitchen, library, and a camp infirmary.

"Pulpit Preaching" is now being published in Jackson, Mississippi. It is a monthly magazine and claims to be one of the world's leading homiletical journals. Rev. Clinton T. Howell, editor of the "Mississippi Methodist Advocate" is listed as the publisher. The subscription price is \$4 per year.

Miss Valaria Sherard, Chugach Baptist Associational missionary in Alaska, is returning for a vacation to her home in Kossuth soon after February 1. She has done a wonderful work in Alaska and would bring a most helpful and inspiring message to any churches who would be interested in hearing her message. The Baptist work in Alaska is an important part of the work of our Home Mission Board.

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — A. B. Culbertson, executive vice-president of the Baptist Foundation of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, resigned from his position effective March 1.

The February issue of the "Sunday School Builder" has an interesting article by Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Sunday School Secretary for Mississippi entitled "An Effective Program of Work."

"Greater Vision Bearing Fruit" is the subject of an inspiring article by Gainer Bryan, Jr., in the February issue of the "Sunday School Builder." It tells the thrilling story of the growth of the Sunday School at Calvary Church, Jackson.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of minutes of the 118th annual session of the Zion Association. It was held with the Fellowship and Lollar's Grove Churches on September 23, 24, 1953. The next session will be held with Philadelphia and Walthall Churches on September 22, 23, 1954. Rev. J. W. Nolen, Stewart, is moderator, and Mrs. Russell Shaw, Eupora, is clerk. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

A revival was recently held at Silver City Church. Rev. Dan Holcomb, Hattiesburg, was the preacher, and Rev. Burnis Barrett, Clinton, led the singing. Mrs. Buck Jackson was the pianist. There were 5 professions of faith, 8 additions by letter, and a number of rededications. One of the persons professing faith in Christ was a Roman Catholic.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Levi Ayers, Kossuth; Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Estes, Biloxi; Mrs. P. V. Chisholm, Jackson; Juanita Faye Chisholm, Jackson; Rev. J. P. Bush, Philadelphia; Rev. P. N. Harlan, Jackson; Mrs. E. S. Fulmer, Jackson; J. Harold Jones, Morton; Rev. J. W. Brister, Jackson.

Rev. E. D. Harris, formerly pastor of First Church, Ocoee, Fla., has accepted the pastorate of Hebron Church in Grenada County. Hebron went from half-time to full-time on Sunday, January 24.

MADRID (RNS) — The Rev. Aurelio del Campo, a Baptist pastor who for many years has served the communities of Alcantara, del Jucar and Navarres in Eastern Spain, was fined \$12 and forbidden to reside in Navarres, according to Protestant sources here.

Rev. Roy Self, Associational Missionary in Scott County, has just returned from assisting Rev. David Jenkins in a Southwide Sunday School Campaign at Fellowship Church in Atlanta Association in Georgia. Mr. Jenkins' congregation there has just moved into a new auditorium. He was formerly pastor in Jones and Franklin Counties in Mississippi.

NEXT WEEK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES AND BROTHERHOOD RALLIES SOUTH-CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI

MONDAY,
FEB. 1
FIRST,
VICKSBURG

TUESDAY,
FEB. 2
FIRST,
NATCHEZ

THURSDAY,
FEB. 4
WESSON

FRIDAY,
FEB. 5
MENDENHALL



REV. SAM SCANTLAN
Supt. Rural and City Missions
Baptist General Convention
of Oklahoma

Leadership Conferences 9:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Brotherhood Rally 7:00 p.m.

Lunch provided by host church

All church leaders, officers urged to attend

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Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

SUNBEAM LEADER

Question: In our church an unsaved lady and her mother has taken over as Sunbeam Leaders. She belongs to no church at all but her mother is a Catholic. There is some talk of her taking over the Intermediate G. A.'s. She hardly ever comes to church.

My question is this: Is it right for her to do this since she is not a member of our Baptist church? I am worried about what might happen to our church.

Answer: Your story is a strange one. Where are the members of your church and what are they doing, that the leaders have to go outside the membership to find a Sunbeam Leader?

Of course, the fact that this lady is not a member of the church does not mean that she is unsaved. But it seems to me that it is usually a bad policy for a church to ask non-church members to take places of leadership.

And I certainly think that all leaders (Sunday school teachers, B. T. U. leaders, and all) ought to be regular in the worship services. How can Sunbeam or G. A. leaders lead in making missionaries when they set examples that are destructive to the church, right at the home base?

On the other hand, there are right and wrong ways to solve such problems. First, try to win these ladies to Christ and church membership. Second, get the pastor and some wise leaders together to talk about this problem.

Don't throw out the baby with the bath. Your situation is not good, but you wouldn't burn down a barn to get rid of the rats. Prayer and patience will find a better way.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Brister Is New Sardis Pastor

Sardis Church in Copiah County has called as its pastor Rev. J. W. Brister of Jackson.

Since Pastor Brister's call the church has gone full-time and adopted the use of the Six-Point Record System in the Sunday School. The church is now being financed through the Sunday School. There have been 7 additions, 5 by letter and 2 for baptism.

Mr. Brister is now a student at New Orleans Seminary

The Baptist College And The Denominational Paper

By DR. BEN C. FISHER

(Editor's Note: This article refers to colleges but it is equally applicable to every writer and news source and the Baptist Record.)

One of the best sources of effective publicity for our colleges and schools is the state denominational paper. However, in most of the schools which we have had the privilege of visiting during the past few months, the maximum effort is not being used to tap this powerful medium of publicity and promotion.

LOOKING FROM THE EDITOR'S SIDE:

In the first place, the editors of our state papers are anxious to get news from the schools. But it should also be kept in mind that the editor of the state paper has many responsibilities. He must be responsible for the entire state mission program. He must cull and make decisions on news from many hundreds of churches. He must give attention to his editorials. Therefore, there are certain things which he has a right to expect from the college news bureau.

LEGITIMATE NEWS: The college news bureau needs to distinguish between advertising and legitimate news—the college has no right to expect an editor to accept copy which in reality is expensive advertisement disguised as a feature story. The editor who files this copy in the wastebasket is doing a service—both to the college and to the readers.

CONSULT THE EDITOR: Feature stories ought to be planned and the editor consulted in advance about the appropriateness of the subject, the number of pictures to be used, and the amount of space available. Remember that the editor of the state paper must be fair with all. There will be a limit to the number of feature articles which he can use. Plan with the editor the most effective use of the available space.

SPOT NEWS: One of the most effective avenues of publicity via the state paper is spot news—remember, however, that the main purpose of a denominational paper is religious news. The fact that J. Jenks scored 63 points in a single basketball game is of no particular interest to the reader of the denominational paper. However, if J. Jenks makes a decision to volunteer as a medical missionary, this is live copy and the editor will be glad to get it.

TRUST THE EDITOR: The denominational papers ought to receive weekly news from the college news bureau. While no editor can print all the material which he receives in the mailbag, he does appreciate having material to choose from. Therefore, it is to the interest of the college to keep a good backlog of news on the editor's desk. Many times the editor will be in a far better position than the college news bureau to determine those articles which will have the greatest reader interest.

SEND THE EDITOR CLEAN

COPY: A certain editor recently showed us a sample of copy which we think is a classic. A school which we will not name, sent this editor the printed program of its commencement activities with a note in longhand scrawled across the back which read something like this "Dear Brother—One of the finest commencement programs which we have ever had. Hope you can give this a good place in your paper." Do not expect the staff of the denominational paper to write your news. This is the responsibility of the college staff.

METING THE DEADLINE: Releases to the denominational paper will be different from those to the daily or weekly newspaper. Copy as a general rule ought to be submitted ten days to two weeks before the date of publication. Know the copy deadline of your denominational paper.

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Minister To The Blind



REV. BOB S. RUSHING

THE BRAILLE EVANGEL ministry to the blind, Fort Worth, Tex. has approved Rev. Bob S. Rushing as a state-wide worker in mission service for the blind of Mississippi, according to Edwin Wilson, Executive Secretary of The Braille Evangel.

Mr. Rushing will organize a church conference for the blind of Mississippi, which will convene annually in Jackson. He is also open for speaking engagements in Baptist churches. His address is Hickory Flat.

Mr. Rushing, who is blind, is a 1948 graduate of Mississippi College. He has a fervent love for Christian service, and he is an inspirational speaker who opens the eyes of the soul.

M.W.C. Plans Expansion Campaign

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Woman's College on January 19, it was voted to defer the renaming of the college until the next meeting of the trustees on April 20.

The trustees also voted unanimously their endorsement of a financial campaign of \$500,000 for expansion of the school. Plans were made to begin immediately the construction of a boys' dormitory to house approximately 100

WITHOUT LITERATURE OUR BAPTIST PROGRAM WOULD BE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED

BY J. MARSE GRANT

New York City has just experienced a crippling newspaper strike that left its imprint on the citizens of the world's largest city. As we read about the strike, we wonder what would happen if our Baptists papers and magazines ceased publication for several weeks—or months?

What if there were no Sunday school quarterlies, or graded Training Union magazines, or WMU periodicals, or state Baptist papers? Some people would scarcely miss them, we must admit. This is pathetic, but true. Still others would not be handicapped too much. They are in a group which can take or leave our Christian literature. But we like to think that the majority of Baptists would be lost without publications to help them in the kingdom's work.

How would pastors keep up with pastoral changes without the state paper to keep them posted each week? Training Union and WMU programs would have to be pulled out of thin air without the program help. Sunday school teachers would have to dig deeply to get up a good lesson without the assistance of our good quarterlies—and pupils would be at an even greater disadvantage.

If there's a moral to this little piece, it's this: Don't wait until your publications are taken away to appreciate them. Like Edward R. Murrow, famed CBS newscaster said during the New York

strike, "A newspaper is like your youth—never appreciated until it's gone." Read your Baptist literature regularly and be thankful our great Baptist presses are turning out such a never-ending flow of attractive reading material that keeps us informed and united. (J. Marse Grant is editor of 'Charity and Children, Thomasville, N.C.)

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: C. C. Perry, Glen; J. A. Blunt, Burnsville; R. B. Patterson, Iuka; Rev. W. O. Presson, Louisville, John Dugard, Tupelo; Buster Amos, Hazlehurst; R. L. Page, Corinth; P. D. Lott, Laurel; Earl F. Beeler, Wheeler; Maurice Clayton, New Albany; T. L. Ford, Tupelo; Olin O. Harmon, Picayune; Ivan Lowry, Hazlehurst; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Bassfield; H. L. Fewell, Baxterville; Rev. Paul Kirk, Gauthier; Rev. Oliver Marson, Pascagoula; R. L. Ray, Jr., Pontotoc.

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VATICAN CITY (RNS)—A decree issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office placed on its Index of Forbidden Books "Die Johannis Freimaurerei" (the Johannis Freemasonry) by Bernard Scheichelbauer, published in Vienna last year. "Thus, putting this book on the Index," a Vatican spokesman said, "serves as a warning that Catholics must beware of the wolf even when it is dressed as a sheep."

Defense Dept. Reverses Itself On Liquor Policy

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Protests from church and temperance organizations were credited here with having played a large part in bringing about a reversal of the Defense Department's policy permitting the sale of liquor by the bottle at military posts.

The revised policy prohibits such sales at commissioned and noncommissioned officers' messes in the U. S., although sale by-the-drink is still permitted.

Last summer, the air force and army issued regulations permitting for the first time, sale of liquor by the drink or bottle at officers' and "noncoms' clubs. The action, which brought the policy of these two services in line with the longstanding tradition at navy shore station clubs, stirred immediate opposition from congressmen and retail liquor in-

terests as well as from church and temperance groups.

A defense department spokesman said the new policy was "prompted" by the numerous inquiries and comments it had received from members of Congress in response to the protests from opposition groups.

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